



Children First



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Styles & Smiles

On October 20th, Children's Centre partnered with Canadian Mental Health Association Thunder Bay Branch and United Way of Thunder Bay to host Styles & Smiles, an evening of fine dining, fashion and comedy entertainment to celebrate the Society of Excellent Men and the late Howard King.

The late Howard King was known to be a man of honour, compassion and care. He was a local businessman who supported many local causes and was well known to lend a hand to those in need. The Society members share in these fine qualities and have raised over \$25,000 for the

three charities. The event was a great success with over 320 guests in attendance. The fashion show with beautiful garments from The Little Mermaid and the performance of comedian and mental health advocate Big Daddy Tazz were enjoyed by all.

The event also showcased a luxury raffle and an art sale, in total raising more than \$30,000 for the charities. The event was such a success that organizers will soon be in the midst of planning Styles and Smiles 2010 and recruiting the next Society of Excellent Men!



The Society of Excellent Men pictured here, 41 community minded men from throughout the community

What Have We Been Up To?



Children's Centre Foundation's First Chinese Auction!



Thunderwolves Indoor Marathon In Support of Children's Centre Foundation



"Your Teen Needs You" Campaign

Chinese Auction

Currently, Children's Centre Foundation staff and volunteers are in the process of planning a Chinese Auction. In a Chinese auction, bidders are not prospective buyers (as in the conventional English Auction). Instead, they buy numbers, which are chances to win the

gift baskets up for raffle. Bidders may buy as many numbers as they like, to increase their chances to win.

light lunch will be served. For more information or to get tickets call 343-5019.

The Chinese Auction will be held on **Thursday, November 26th at 7:00 PM** at the Masonic Hall, **1600 Dease Street**. Refreshments and a



Thunderwolves Indoor Marathon

Children's Centre Foundation Thunder Bay and LU Athletics Department have teamed together, and are currently in the planning stages of the Thunderwolves Indoor Mara-

thon in Support of Children's Centre Foundation. The event is set to take place January 31, 2010 in the Lakehead University Hangar. The days festivities will include a

marathon, half marathon, marathon relay, and a kids fun run. This will be a family friendly event with lots of room for spectators and activities for children. Keep your eyes open— more details to come soon!

United Way Employee Campaign Update

CCTB Employee Campaign

United Way Statistics

As of November 5th, 2009

of excellent staff on board- **89**
 % of participation goal - **63.5%**
 total \$ to date - **\$12,341**
 % of \$15,000 goal - **82%**
 average paycheque deduction - **\$5.38**

Together we can make a huge difference. This is the time when the need in our community is greater than ever, and your help and support is desperately needed. So we are asking you to Stand with us Right Here, Right Now!

Staff may contact Sandy Stafford-Maepea or Laura Nash to get a pledge form.



Fun at Styles & Smiles



“Your Teen Needs You” Campaign

Children’s Centre Foundation Thunder Bay, in partnership with the Thunder Bay Suicide Prevention Task Force are proud to launch their teen mental health awareness campaign in the City and District of Thunder Bay. Many community agencies and volunteers have come together to recognize the importance of parents and

caregivers talking to their teens and getting involved in their lives—making them more likely to notice warning signs, have their teen confide in them, and intervene early if there is a problem. The campaign will consist of a variety of media forms, including radio and newspaper ads, billboards, posters, Facebook ads, information

cards, transit ads, and pre-show ads at SilverCity theatre. Thank you to all of the parents and teens that took part in our marketing focus groups. This campaign will roll out in three phases—October/November; February; and May. Watch for our materials out in the community! For more information on mental health, visit

www.HeresTheDeal.ca



“Leave me alone!”

What it really means:
Your teen needs you.

For information on how to help teens

www.HeresTheDeal.ca





A Message From Our President

Our Foundation continues to learn and grow. We can be very proud of our progress so far and of all of the people who have helped to make our dream a reality.

At our Board Meeting in October, we welcomed Pamela Henderson as our newest Director. She is a great addition to our group and we look forward to working with her.

Our thanks and congratulations go to all of the Styles & Smiles committee for a very successful event. Everyone I spoke with had a wonderful time and expressed the hope that it will be an annual event. A special thanks to the 'Excellent Men' from our Board.

Commendation to Laura Meisner and the successful Media Conference for the "Your Teen Needs You" mental health awareness campaign and all of the related participants. It is a powerful message and we continue to have good coverage in the media. The Trillium Project is nearing the end and has had many positive results. We are hopeful that it will continue in many ways in our community.

I hope that everyone finishes out the year in health and happiness and that the holiday season and the New Year brings more of the same.

- Evelyn Bradley

Board of Directors

We would like to welcome our newest board member: Pamela Henderson! Welcome aboard Pam!



Evelyn Bradley

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